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1. NOVEMBER 10 ENGLISH AND CHINESE LANGUAGE PRESS CARRIED LENGTHY ACCOUNT OF PREMIER'S MEETING WITH CODEL MORGAN NOVEMBER 9. ARTICLE, QUOTED IN FULL BELOW, IS REASONABLY ACCURATE AND FULL RENDITION OF PREMIER'S REMARKS, MOST OF WHICH CAME IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM CODEL. PREMIER'S VIEWS ON "NORMALIZATION" WERE ELICITED BY QUESTION REGARDING THE LIKELY IMPACT OF NORMALIZATION ON TAIWAN AND THE ROC. PREMIER AVOIDED DIRECT REPLY (AS DID OTHER GROC OFFICIALS TO WHOM QUESTION WAS PUT BY CODEL).

2. PREMIER'S COMMENTS ON AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CHARGES RE POLITICAL PRISONERS CAME SPONTANEOUSLY AT END OF HOUR LONG MEETING. LOCAL PRESS ARTICLE OMITS PREMIER'S ESTIMATE THAT "ABOUT 200 PRISONERS WERE CURRENTLY IN ROC JAILS ON TREASON/ SEDITION (P'AN KUO, 0651/0948) CHARGES; AND THAT "JAILS WERE
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OPEN FOR INSPECTION AT ANY TIME." COMMENT: IN OUR MEMORY

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THIS IS FIRST TIME ANY GROC OFFICIAL HAS OFFERED ANY OFFICIAL ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBERS CURRENTLY JAILED ON SUCH CHARGES. MEMBERS OF CODEL DECLINED "INVITATION" TO VISIT JAILS AT THIS TIME BUT EMPHASIZED U.S. INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES AND INDICATED THAT FUTURE VISITORS WOULD NO DOUBT BE TAKING UP PREMIER'S OFFER. CODEL TOOK SAME LINE IN SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH PRESIDENT YEN. END COMMENT.

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3. FULL TEXT OF CHINA POST ARTICLE HEADLINED "U.S. 'NORMALI-ZATION' OF MAINLAND LINKS IMPOSSIBLE, PREMIER WARNS CONGRESS-MAN" FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE:

A. PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO RECEIVED HON. THOMAS E. MORGAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, AND HIS PARTY AT THE EXECUTIVE YUAN AT 9 A.M. YES-TERDAY. THE PREMIER EXPRESSED A WARM WELCOME TO REPRESENTATIVE MORGAN AND HIS PARTY, WHO ARRIVED HERE ON NOV. 6 FOR A FOUR-DAY VISIT. HE EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT THE VISIT WOULD FURTHER THE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

B. THE PREMIER POINTED TO THE LONG-STANDING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AND SAID THAT UNRESERVEDLY FRIENDLY RELA-TIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE FUNDAMENTALLY BASED ON THEIR COMMON INTERESTS AND IDEALS.

C. THE PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAVE PROFOUND AFFECTION FOR THE UNITED STATES, HE SAID, AND THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA WILL NEVER CHANGE ITS POLICY OF REMAINING A FAITHFUL ALLY OF THE UNITED STATES.

D. PREMIER CHIANG PRAISED THE UNITED STATES AS A COUNTRY WHICH RESPECTS ITS TRADITIONS, ADHERES TO JUSTICE AND HONORS FREEDOM. U.S. HISTORY IS FULL OF SHINING EXAMPLES OF MAKING ALL KINDS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SACRIFICES FOR THE FREEDOM OF U.S. ALLIES AND IN THE CAUSE OF WORLD PEACE, HE SAID.

E. WHEN ASKED BY REP. MORGAN AND REP. LAWRENCE H. FOUNTAIN ABOUT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT'S EXPECTATIONS OF PRESIDENT-ELECT JIMMY CARTER, THE PREMIER SAID HE BELIEVES MR. CARTER, IN KEEP-ING WITH THE TRADITIONAL U.S. SPIRIT OF PRESERVING FREEDOM AND JUSTICE AND IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES, WILL

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WORK HARD FOR THE MUTUAL INTERESTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

F. ASKED ABOUT A RECENT ASAHI SHINBUN REPORT FROM PEIPING THAT THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAD CONTACTED AND HELD TALKS WITH THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS, THE PREMIER FLATLY REFUTED THE RUMOR AND DECLARED THAT IT IS AN UTTERLY GROUNDLESS LIE.

G. HE SAID THE DISPUTE BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE PEIPING REGIME DOES NOT INVOLVE PERSONAL FEUDING OR DISPUTE OVER POWER. RATHER, HE SAID, IT INVOLVES DIFFERENCES IN BASIC CONCEPTS AND BELIEFS.

H. THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS WANT TO DESTROY CHINESE CULTURE AND REPLACE CHINESE PEACE-LOVING IDEALISM AND THE CHINESE TRADITIONAL WAY OF LIFE WITH MARXISM-LENINISM. BESIDES THIS, THEY RESORT TO TYRANNICAL MEASURES IN OPPRESSING THE PEOPLE ON THE CHINESE MAINLAND.

I. THUS, THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA WILL NEVER HAVE ANY COMMUNI-CATION WITH THE PEIPING REGIME, NOT TO MENTION DESPATCHING DELEGATES FOR TALKS. IT WAS SO IN THE PAST, IT IS SO TODAY AND IT WILL BE SO IN THE FUTURE.

J. THE ASAHI SHINBUN REPORT, THE PREMIER SAID, IS A RUMOR CONCOCTED BY THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS TO CONFUSE THE WORLD. HE SAID SUCH RUMORS WILL FAIL OF THEIR PURPOSE WITH THE WELL-INFORMED AND THAT INTELLIGENT PEOPLE CAN NEVER BE FOOLED BY SUCH COMMUNIST INTRIGUES.

K. THE PREMIER MADE A LENGTHY ANALYSIS OF THE WASHINGTON-PEIPING QUESTION FOR MORGAN AND HIS PARTY. HE SAID THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN MOSCOW AND PEIPING DEFINITELY IS A POWER STRUGGLE - A STRUGGLE FOR LEADERSHIP OF THE COMMUNIST MOVE-
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MENT IN ASIA AND THE WORLD. HE SAID THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO IN SUBSTANCE AND POLICY, BECAUSE BOTH ARE PURSUING THEIR CONSISTENT PARTY LINE OF COMMUNIZING THE WORLD. WHETHER THE U.S. MAKES ADVANCES TO PEIPING, HE SAID, CANNOT AFFECT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MOSCOW AND PEIPING, NOR CAN IT CHANGE PEIPING'S INTRIGUE OF ATTEMPTING TO COMMUNIZE THE WORLD AND ITS INSISTENCE ON AN ANTI-AMERICAN LINE.

L. THIS IS ALL THE MORE TRUE AS THE MAINLAND INTERNAL STRUGGLE INCREASES IN VIOLENCE. AS THE COMMUNIST CHIEFTAINS STRUGGLE, THE ONE ON THE THRONE TODAY MAY BECOME THE TARGET FOR STRUGGLE AND THE PRISONER OF TOMORROW.

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M. INTERNAL CHANGES ARE PURELY A PHENOMENA (SIC) OF THE POWER STRUGGLE, AND NOT THE SO-CALLED REPLACEMENT OF THE RADICAL FACTION BY THE MODERATE FACTION. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS ARE CONSISTENTLY OPPOSED TO THE UNITED STATES, THE SO-CALLED 'NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS' IS ACTUALLY AN 'ABNORMALIZATION.'

N. THE PREMIER ALSO SAID THAT FROM BEGINNING TO END, THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS HAVE REGARDED THE UNITED STATES AS AN ENEMY, AND THAT ALTHOUGH THE UNITED STATES SEEKS TO 'NORMALIZE RELATIONS' WITH THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS, THIS CANNOT ALLEVIATE PEIPING'S ANTAGONISM OR THREAT TO THE UNITED STATES. HE SAID THAT THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS ARE PULLING THE STRINGS IN INSURGENCIES IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD, ALTHOUGH THEY TRY TO CONCEAL THEIR HAND FROM OHERS.

O. THIS HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY SO IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND PROVIDES CLINCHING EVIDENCE OF THEIR INTRIGUES. IT ALSO EXPLAINS WHY THEIR RELATIONS WITH FREE COUNTRIES CAN NEVER BE 'NORMALIZED.'

P. THE PREMIER SAID THE TERMINATION OF THE VIETNAM WAR HAD MORE OR LESS AROUSED THE SUSPICIONS OF U.S. ALLIES AND AFFECTED THEIR CONFIDENCE IN THE UNITED STATES, ALTHOUGH THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAS ALWAYS PLACED GREAT CONFIDENCE IN ITS AMERICAN
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ALLY.

Q. SHOULD THE UNITED STATES WISH TO 'NORMALIZE' ITS RELATIONS WITH THE PEIPING REGIME, THE FREE COUNTRIES WILL CERTAINLY UNDERTAKE A REASSESSMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WHICH WILL AFFECT U.S. CREDIBILITY AND POSITION OF HIGH STANDING AMONG ITS ALLIES. WE SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT 'RECOGNITION' OF THE PEIPING REGIME WOULD BE NO MORE THAN RECOGNIZING ITS CHIEF-TAINS, WHO HAVE BEEN PERSECUTING THE PEOPLE, AND THAT THIS WOULD SERIOUSLY UNDERMINE THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE 800 MILLION CHINESE PEOPLE ON THE MAINLAND TO REGAIN THEIR FREEDOM. THIS ABNORMAL 'NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS' IS THEREFORE IN THE NATURE OF A VERY DANGEROUS UNDERTAKING.

R. THE PREMIER ALSO NOTED THAT FOREIGN NEWSPAPERS HAD RECENTLY GIVEN INTENTIONAL PROMINENCE TO A REPORT BY AMNESTY INTER-NATIONAL BESMIRCHING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA FOR ALLEGEDLY INFRINGING ON PEOPLE'S RIGHTS BY IMPRISONING POLITICAL CRIMINALS.

S. HE SOLEMNLY AND EMPHATICALLY POINTED OUT THAT SUC REPORTS ARE PART OF A CONSPIRACY TO LIBEL THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT IN AN ATTEMPT TO CREATE AN ERRONEOUS IMAGE IN THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD. THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, HE SAID, IS A DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY GOVERNED BY LAW AND CARRIES OUT MEASURES INVOLVING NATIONAL SECURITY AND SAFEGUARDS THE PEOPLE'S RIGHTS AND INTERESTS ACCORDING TO LAW. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ANY CRITICAL CASE INVOLVING SEDITION OR TREASON WITH OBVIOUS INTENT AND WITH EVIDENCE OF CRIMINAL ACTION WILL BE PUNISHED FAIRLY AND OPENLY UNDER THE LAW, HE ADDED.

T. THE VISITING PARTY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CON-SISTED OF NINE MEMBERS, INCLUDING CHAIRMAN MORGAN OF THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES SAM M. GIBBONS, LAWRENCE H. FOUNTAIN AND ROBERT J. LAGOMARSINO. VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FREDRICK CHIEN AND U.S. EMBASSY CHARGE D'AFFAIRES PAUL M. POPPLE WERE PRESENT DURING PREMIER CHIANG'S CONVERSATION WITH THE GROUP. THE ATMOSPHERE WAS ESPECIALLY CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY. END QUOTE.
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